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SUBJECT: SZLACHCIC: THE OTHER SHOE DROPS

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- 1. AT ITS FOURTEENTH PLENUM ON JUNE 25, THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) RELIEVED FRANCISZEK SZLACHCIC OF HIS POSITION IN THE SECRETARIAT "IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EARLIER APPOINTMENT AS VICE PREMIER." FILM CLIPS OF THE PLENUM CARRIED ON TELEVISION JUNE 25 SHOWED HIM SITTING WITH HIS FELLOW POLITBIURO MEMBERS. HE THUS CONTINUES, AT LEAST FOR A TIME, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TOP CC BODY.
- 2. RECENT REPORTS CONFUTE THOSE IN REF A THAT SZLACHCIC HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE VICE PREMIERSHIP. THE DEPARTING CUBAN AMBASSADOR TOLD HIS DUTCH COLLEAGUE HERE THAT, ON CONFIDENTIAL

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PAYING A FAREWELL CALL ON SZLACHCIC IN HIS NEW CAPACITY

AS VICE PREMIER, THE CUBAN FOUND HIM IN THIS OFFICE AND APPARENTLY HAPPY WITH IT. ACCORDING TO THIS AND OTHER REPORTS, SZLACHCIC'S ASSIGNMENT AS VICE PREMIER IS THE TASK OF SUPERVISING POLISH PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS MIXED COMMISSIONS POLAND HAS WITH SOME 46 COUNTRIES, BUT ONLY THOSE DEALING WITH NON-ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (CF. REF B, PARA 1).

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